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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following instances of violations by Iraq of the terms of the cease-fire between the two countries.

1. On 18 October 1995, Iraqi smugglers and insurgents armed with light and heavy semi-automatic weapons penetrated into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the area of Hoor where they were confronted by Iranian border police. One of their boats was destroyed as a result of the Iranian fire and one of the Iranian forces was martyred in the conflict. They fled to the other side of the border under the cover of plants and reeds growing in the Hoor area, leaving behind 1,200 bottles of alcoholic beverages.

2. On 1 November 1995, from 0800-1600 hours, two Iraqi bulldozers and eight trucks were observed removing earth near the geographical coordinates of QV 560-650 on the map of south Hooralhoveizeh, south of border pillar 14B and north of border pillar 14/AC.

3. On 2 November 1995, at 1000 hours, two Iraqi forces deployed a Dush-k machine-gun on top of Waterwheel sentry post at the geographical coordinates of NC 421-643 on the map of Naftshahr, in no man's land, south of Chalaie sentry post and Kaneh-Kaboud border river.

4. On 4 November 1995, at 0800 hours, four Iraqi bulldozers and a truck were observed conducting engineering activities near the geographical coordinates of QV 560-650 on the map of south Hooralhoveizeh, in no man's land, south and north of border pillars 14B and 14/A3 and the geographical coordinates of QV 550-580 on the map of west Jofair (2), north and south of border pillars 14/A3 and 14B.

5. On 4 November 1995, at 1230 hours, seven Iraqi forces were observed digging a canal near the geographical coordinates of ND 400-120 on the map of Khosravi, in no man's land, north of Darband-Jouq and border pillar 56, south of border pillar 56/1.

6. On 4 November 1995, at 1500 hours, four powerful explosions were heard from near the geographical coordinates of ND 410-060 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillar 53/3.

7. On 7 November 1995, at 0704 hours, an Iraqi loader and two trucks were observed removing earth near the geographical coordinates of TP 142-782 on the map of Nim-Istgah 90, in no man's land, west of border pillars 4/4 and 5.

8. On 15 November 1995, 18 Iraqi forces aboard two vehicles were observed inspecting the positions at the geographical coordinates of TP 390-550 on the map of Abadan, in no man's land.

9. On 17 November 1995, at 0730 hours, an Iraqi loader was observed in operation near the geographical coordinates of TP 140-786 on the map of Nim-Istgah 90, west of border pillar 5, in no man's land.

10. On 21 November 1995, Iraqi smugglers penetrated into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran via Showeip and Jarrahieh to the area of Hoor-al-Azim. When confronted by the Iranian border police, the smugglers fled into the territory of Iraq.

11. On 22 November 1995, at 0730 hours, Iraqi forces were observed using a mechanical shovel to dig a canal in Ziadieh near the geographical coordinates of TP 396-565 on the map of Abadan, in no man's land.

12. On 22 November 1995, at 1100 hours, four Iraqi forces aboard a vehicle were observed inspecting Manzarieh sentry post at the geographical coordinates of BD 427-050 on the map of Khosravi, in no man's land, north of border pillar 53/2.

13. On 22 November 1995, at 1630 hours, Iraqi forces, stationed at Waterwheel sentry post near the geographical coordinates of NC 241-644 on the map of Naftshahr, fired an RPG-7 shell towards Gangagoush river and south of Chalaie sentry post, near the Iraqi Naftshahr airport and west of Kaneh-Kaboud border river.

14. On 24 November 1995, at 0700 hours, Iraqi forces were observed conducting engineering activities and repairing roads by using two loaders and five trucks near the geographical coordinates of QV 560-650 on the map of Hooralhoveizeh, in no man's land, south of border pillar 148 and north of border pillar 14/A3.

15. On 26 November 1995, from 1000 to 1200 hours, 13 Iraqi forces were observed restoring rows of barbed wire near the geographical coordinates of ND 410-030 on the map of Khosravi, opposite the Iranian Velayat-Koshteh (Valad-Koshteh) sentry post and west of border pillar 53/1.

16. On 29 November 1995, at 1100 hours, a number of Iraqi forces were observed setting up a row of barbed wire and constructing an observation post near the geographical coordinates of TP 440-502 on the map of Abadan, in no man's land.

17. On 1 December 1995, at 0830 hours, seven Iraqi forces were observed constructing a bunker near the geographical coordinates of NC 415-099 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillars 51, 52 and 53.

18. On 3 December 1995, eight personnel carriers carrying 13 Iraqi forces, a tank and a 130-millimetre cannon were observed moving towards Khaneqein near the geographical coordinates of NC 510-870 and NC 490-880 on the map of 13, north and west of border pillars 46/6 and 46/10.

19. On 7 December 1995, at 0330 hours, a number of Iraqi armed smugglers engaged in a conflict with the Iranian border police near the geographical coordinates of ND 571-231 on the map of Ghasr-Shirinn, south-west of Iraq's Tiarough sentry post, and west of Iran's Ghaleh-Sephid sentry post in the vicinity of Ghoureh-Tou border river. The smugglers fled into the territory of Iraq.

20. On 7 December 1995, from 1630 hours to 1730 hours, an Iraqi individual was observed using a mechanical shovel to dig a canal at the geographical coordinates of PB 055-680 on the map of Mehran, in no man's land, at a distance of almost 1,500 metres from the Iranian Farrokh-Abad border post.

21. On 8 December 1995, at 1230 hours, Iraqi forces began firing at the Iranian topography group who were trying to determine the positions of border pillars near the geographical coordinates of NC 450-570 on the map of southern Naftshahr, north of border pillar 44/9 and north-east of border pillars 44/10 and 44/11.

22. On 11 December 1995, at 0630 hours, Iraqi forces, stationed at the geographical coordinates of NC 557-399 on the map of Sumar, in no man's land, south of border pillars 41 and 42, fired a Grinov automatic machine-gun at the missing persons' searching group near Mian-Tang sentry post.

23. On 11 December 1995, at 0630 hours, Iraqi forces, stationed near the geographical coordinates of NC 570-370 on the map of Sumar, in no man's land, west of border pillar 40/5, began firing at an ambulance travelling near the geographical coordinates of NC 586-394 on the map of Sumar, in no man's land, north of border pillar 40/5. The ambulance belonged to the missing persons' searching group.

24. On 14 December 1995, at 0100 hours, an Iraqi tugboat was observed towing an Iraqi frigate in Arvand Rud. The frigate was towed to the port of Basra to be repaired. It was then taken to Umm-ul-Ghasr.

25. On 15 December 1995, a number of anti-revolutionary elements crossed the border and penetrated into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran. They engaged in a conflict with the Iranian border police at the geographical coordinates of ND 625-227 on the map of Ghasr-Shirin between west of Iran's Baba-Hadi and Darkhou border posts. Two Iranian border police were injured in the conflict, and the anti-revolutionary elements fled into the territory of Iraq.

26. On 17 December 1995, from 0700 hours to 0700 hours the next day (18 December 1995), 57 Iraqi motor boats, along with three tugboats, with a total of 130 personnel, were observed patrolling Arvand Rud.

27. On 17 December 1995, at 1500 hours, an Iraqi helicopter was observed flying over Khaneghein at the geographical coordinates of ND 350-032 on the map of Khosravi, near west of Khaneghein's silo to the geographical coordinates of ND 390-127 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillar 59/1 opposite Iran's Darband-Jough. After making several flights over Height 408, it returned to Iraq.

28. On 20 December 1995, at 1400 hours, the personnel of the Iranian Asmaleh post observed a small tugboat with an Iraqi flag sailing towards the mouth of Arvand Rud from the direction of Khorramshahr.

29. On 22 December 1995, from 0830 to 0950 hours, 13 Iraqi forces were observed restoring a bunker and digging a canal near the geographical coordinates of ND 413-020 on the map of Khosravi, west of border pillar 53/1.

30. On 23 December 1995, at 1745 hours, an Iraqi IFA vehicle was observed proceeding from Iraq's Ain-Abd sentry post at the geographical coordinates of PB 244-490 on the map of Kouh-Tunnel, and infiltrating about 750 metres inside the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It stopped for 10 minutes and then returned to Iraq by the same route.

31. On 24 and 25 December 1995, Iraqi forces were observed removing earth and constructing roads by using two bulldozers, a grader and eight trucks near the geographical coordinates of QV 550-420 on the map of west Jofair (2), north of border pillar 14/A3.

32. On 24 December 1995, at 1530 hours, two Iraqi bulldozers were observed removing earth near the geographical coordinates of QV 540-450 on the map of west Jofair (2), north of border pillar 14/A3.

33. On 26 December 1995, at 1340 and 1345 hours, Iraqi forces stationed at Waterwheel sentry post near the geographical coordinates of NC 420-436 on the map of Naftshar, south of Chalaie sentry post and north of Kaneh-Kaboud border river, fired two RPG-7 shells at the geographical coordinates of NC 421-634 on the map of Naftshahr, south of Chalaie sentry post and north of Kaneh-Kaboud border river.

34. On 27 December 1995, at 0600 hours, 45 Iraqi motor boats, with a total of 137 personnel, were observed patrolling Arvand Rud.

35. On 27 December 1995, at 1110 hours, Iraqi forces stationed at Meimak Heights at the geographical coordinates of NC 840-120 on the map of Helaleh, near Eshagh Hill, north of border pillar 35/2, west of border pillar 35/3 and south of Shohada Hill, carried out several powerful explosions without giving prior notice.

36. On 27 December 1995, at 1540 hours, an Iraqi helicopter, which violated the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran, was observed near the geographical

coordinates of QV 560-770 on the map of south Hooralhoveizeh, east of border pillar 14B on the other side of the border.

37. On 30 December 1995, 70 Iraqi motor boats and 10 tugboats, with a total of 220 personnel, were observed patrolling Arvand Rud.

38. On 31 December 1995, at 1115 hours, two Iraqi fibreglass boats - with Johnson engines - each carrying two military personnel, were observed leaving the Abu-Folous port towards Arvand Rud canal.

39. On 31 December 1995, at 2020 hours, a number of Iraqi smugglers who crossed the border were confronted by the Iranian border police near the geographical coordinates of QV 680-750 on the map of west Hoveizeh, 500 metres east of Martyr Hojabri border post and Martyr Bakeri fort, and 12 kilometres south-west of border pillar 14B.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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